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Mr. George P. Farrell



Dear Mr. Farrell:

Allen W. Dulles, Director of Central Intelligence, asked me to inform you, in reply to your letter of 3 November 1959, that this Agency has no information as to the whereabouts of Donald Downes, the author of "The Scarlet Thread."

Thank you for checking with us.

Sincerely,

/S/ S. J. Grogan

Stanley J. Grogan  
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Dear Mr. Dulles.

As a collector of books on WW II I read one recently called The Scarlet Thread by Donald Donnan of the C.I.A. The odd thing is this book was published in England (publisher Wm. Verschayne) and not the United States. Why I do not know, as it is the best that I have read so far. Could you please tell me what ever became of the author / is he still with the government.

Yours

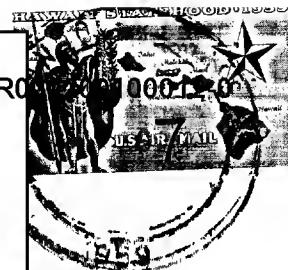
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P. S. I pray for your brother every night, and

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